because if we look at his statement, he says that evaluation was undertaken that included Jammu and Kashmir. But, in these 21 States, there is no mention of that State. Would he clarify this?

श्री अशोक प्रधान : सभापति जी, जम्मू-कश्मीर खाद्यान्न उपलब्ध करा रहा है। हमारी सूची में जो 14 प्रदेश हैं, उसमें जम्मू-कश्मीर भी है, जो खाद्यान्न उपलब्ध करा रहा है। अभी तक वह पका हुआ फूड नहीं दे रहा है।...(**व्यवधान**)।

Environmental clearance to projects

*592. SHRI DATTA MEGHE:

†SHRIMATI JAMANA DEVI BARUPAL:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to examine all new developmental projects along the coastal region to conserve and manage groundwater resources in the wake of recent reports of increased salinity due to over-extraction;

(b) if so, whether Government have decided to include a member from the Central Ground Water Board in the Expert Committee for all developmental and tourism projects, urban townships and special tourism zones along the coast to ensure that necessary measures are taken while according environmental clearance to the projects; and

(c) if so, to what extent Government have cleared these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV) : (a) Government examines developmental projects along the coastal region under the provisions of the Coastal Regulation Zone Notification 1991 (as amended subsequently) which *inter alia* prohibits harvesting or drawal of ground water and construction of mechanisms therefor within 200 meters of the High Tide Line (HTL). However, drawal of ground water through ordinary wells by manual methods for drinking, horticulture, agriculture and fisheries is permitted within 200-500 meters of the high tide line in CRZ area.

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†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shrimati Jamana Devi Barupal.

(b) Representative of Central Ground Water Authority is a member of the Expert Committee for Environmental Impact Assessment of Infrastructural Development & Miscellaneous Projects.

(c) Decision on project proposals is normally taken within 90 days of receipt of complete information. During the last year, 24 development projects along the coastal region were accorded environmental clearance by the Ministry.

श्रीमती जमना देवी बारुपाल : सभापति जी, मेरे प्रश्न का जो उत्तर दिया गया है, मैंने पढ़ लिया है, सारा आ गया है। फिर भी मैं पूछना चाहूंगी कि जिन 24 योजनाओं की स्वीकृति दी थी, उनके ऊपर कार्य शुरू कर दिया है क्या?..(*व्यवधान*) सर, मैंने यह पूछा था कि जिन 24 योजनाओं की स्वीकृति दी है क्या इनके ऊपर कार्य-प्रणाली शुरू कर दी गई है ?

श्री दिलीप सिंह जूदेव : सभापति महोदय, ये जो 24 विकास परियोजनाएं हैं, इनकी स्वीकृति दे दी गई है।

श्री सभापति : वह पूछ रही हैं कि काम चालू हो गया है या नहीं ?

श्री दिलीप सिंह जूदेव : सर, बिल्कुल हो गया है, काम चालू।

*593 [The questioners (Dr. Alladi P. Raj Kumar and Shrimati N. P. Durga) were absent. For answer *vide* page....*infra*]

Academic ties between the Indian Universities and Foreign Institutions

*594. †SHRI R.P. GOENKA:

DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the guidelines for monitoring academic ties between the Indian Universities and Foreign Institutions and scholars have been revised recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the fresh guidelines are too stringent to encourage academic research as new proposals would need clearance from a number of bureaucratic channels; and

†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri R.P. Goenka.